News in Brief

Schools' letter of praise

EAST BERKSHIRE: A congratulatory letter from Schools Minister David Laws has been sent to several schools in the region for impressive Key Stage Two results.

Following the publication of Government league tables on the tests for 11-year-olds, Mr Laws sent out hundreds of letters to schools for making the best progress or producing high achievers.

Lowbrook Academy, in the Fairway, was congratulated for attainment and progress after its results in reading, writing and maths put it in the top five primary schools in the country.

Crazies Hill Primary School and St Francis Catholic Primary School in Ascot were also praised for attainment.

Hospital boss leaves

BERKSHIRE: Hospital boss Ed Donald has left his post as chief executive of the Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust.

Mr Donald took the role in 2009 and in 2012 oversaw the introduction of a £28m electronic patient record system at the Reading hospital.

In May this year the BBC revealed that auditors valued the system at £18m less than the trust paid.

Mr Donald said: "I am looking forward to spending more time with my family over the festive period before starting a new work venture in the New Year.

"I wish every member of the Royal Berkshire team well and look forward to watching the trust go from strength to strength."

Suspense builds at author's old school

HURST: Costa Book Award's nominee Ross Montgomery returned to his old school to treat pupils to workshops.

The author has been shortlisted for 2013 Costa Children's Book prize for his novel Alex, the Dog and the Unopenable Door.

Children from year four to year seven at the Dolphin School in Waltham Road took part in the workshops which focused on how to build suspense.

The former pupil used a prop of a velvet box, which he refused to talk about to begin with and then gradually revealed what was inside. The aim was to show the pupils how difficult and exciting writing can be and how you do not have to reveal all your story's secrets at once.

The visit took place on December 17.

AUTHOR: Former pupil Ross Montgomery leads a workshop at the school. Ref:118578-3

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Peace light shines

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